

Bloomington MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Lynda Gonzalez Mike Koss Adrian McDaniel Eric Scott Greg Ware

Betty Gosney

Minutes

Council members moved to approve the September minutes.

New Business

A. Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter, 62nd District

Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter gave an update on 2 bills she has worked on that have not become law. Governor Schwarzenegger has signed two of her bills into law: AB 428 (Carter) and AB 1229 (Carter). AB 428 requires high schools to notify parents and pupils of the A-G curriculum required for admission to the UC and CSU systems. AB 1229 gives rank and file officers a seat at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

Assembly Member Carter stated that they had just met with the Inland Empire Caucus to address the transportation problem in the Inland Empire and informed residents that the Caucus has agreed to work together with the local residents to help with the transportation issues.

Assembly Member Carter announced the "Ought to be a law" contest. Residents have the opportunity to suggest what they think should be a law. The winner of the contest will accompany Assembly Member Carter to Sacramento and help work on the Bill.

Assembly Member Carter answered questions from the public. Council Member Ware suggested that a mini road be kept open to let emergency vehicles pass when the Riverside Overpass project begins.

B. Land Use Services Application – T-Mobile

Brianna Noler stated that the T-Mobile tower would be a 50-foot palm tree, which is one of the sturdiest for windy areas. Other options are a pine tree or a broadleaf tree. Bloomington residents suggested the tower match the natural environment. Ms. Noler explained the benefits of having a tower in Bloomington, almost everyone who lives in the ¾ mile radius who uses T-Mobile will notice a dramatic upgrade to their service, less dropped calls and more clarity while on the phone. Ms. Noler informed residents that for the County of San Bernardino this tower will not generate any kind of revenue, for the property owner that has the tower it would need to be negotiated between T-Mobile and the property owner. With this tower in a residential area T-Mobile hopes to diminish dropped calls significantly since most dropped calls complaints are from callers in residential areas.

Council Member Koss moved to recommend approval of this project to the County Planning Department and the Planning Commission. Council Member Lynda Gonzalez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Staff Reports

California Highway Patrol – Officer Joe Ramos

Officer Ramos reported that there were 5 calls for traffic complaints. Officer Ramos responded to questions from the public.

To report traffic complaints to the CHP residents may call the CHP front desk officer at (909) 383-4247.

Field Representative-Dan Flores

- Mr. Flores reminded residents on the importance of calling in complaints. This will help authorities be aware of the problems in the area.
- Mr. Flores informed the residents that the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$12,000 for the maintenance of green space at the southwest and southeast corners of Cedar Ave. and Valley Blvd. for 12 months.
- Mr. Flores informed residents of the vandalism of the Senior Center. A total of 9 windows were broken. Mr. Flores met with the Old Timer's Foundation regarding the incident and would like to see more involvement from the community to be aware of what is occurring in the park. If you see anything abnormal, please call the Sheriff's department immediately.

Sheriff's Dept. – Det. Joe Silva

Not Present

The Fontana Sheriff's Station is responsible for serving the unincorporated community of Bloomington. For non-emergency calls and/or information residents should contact the station at (909) 356-6767. For emergencies call 911.

Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington provided an update on Kessler Park, he reported that Phase 3 is out for bid, bids should be returned by the end of the month. Phase three will include the ball field areas for the little league and lighting.

Mr. Millington reported on different items that are being stolen, such as, cooper and aluminum. Security within the park: There will be an upgrade in the alarm system, and a sensor light will be placed

Old Business

Neighborhood Watch- Adrian McDaniel & Gregory Ware

Council Member McDaniel has volunteered to serve as a captain for his neighborhood and has asked for volunteers to be captains for their neighborhoods.

Councilmember Ware suggested that once captains are established for participating neighborhoods, a meeting should be set to review what the issues are in the neighborhoods and if these are issues Supervisor Gonzales can help with. If there are any questions you may contact Council Member McDaniel or Council Member Gregory Ware.

Items for Upcoming Meetings

MAC Chair Eric Scott suggested that the meeting for January be moved from January 1st to January 8th. All were in favor of the move.

Council member Lynda Gonzalez suggested using the remaining bed tax funding to help the little league. Field Representative Dan Flores will inform the residents on the decision at the next meeting.

Member Reports

Gregory Ware

Council Member Gregory Ware had the opportunity to attend the hearing on air quality in San Bernardino County presented by Senator Boxer. Based on the information it was determined that the Inland Empire has one of the worst air qualities.

43% of all containers that come to the United States are passed by the surrounding ports, and then pass by the inland empire. One-third to one-half of children have some sort of respiratory problem. 146 thousand children in San Bernardino and Riverside County that go to the hospital every year because of the air quality. There is almost an 8% increase in death rates because of the air quality. Senator Boxer was shocked to hear all the testimonies that were presented. Councilmember Ware encouraged residents to get involved in issues that have to do with everyone's health.

Lynda Gonzalez

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez thanked Supervisor Gonzales for the money allocated for the Cedar and Valley maintenance.

Betty Gosney

None

Mike Koss

None

Adrian McDaniel

None

Eric Scott

None

Public Comments

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2007 at 7p.m.

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